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Hogs & Pigs Report

United States: Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2011 was 65.9 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2011. Breeding inventory, at 5.80 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

Nevada: Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2011 was 2,300 head. This was up 900 head from December 1, 2010. Breeding inventory in the state, at just 100 head, was down 300 head from December 1, 2010. Market hog inventory, at 2,200 head, was up 1,200 head from last year.

Hogs & Pigs Inventory, December 1, 2010-2011¹

Class of Livestock	Nevada			United States		
	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	... 1,000 Head ...		Percentage	... 1,000 Head ...		Percentage
All Hogs & Pigs	1.4	2.3	164%	64,925	65,931	102%
Breeding	.4	.1	25%	5,778	5,803	100%
Market	1.0	2.2	220%	59,147	60,128	102%

¹ Sum of Classes may not add due to rounding.

December Weather Summary

December temperatures were near normal for the month. Precipitation was well below normal. Temperatures ranged from 4.2 degrees below normal to 1.2 degrees above normal. Winnemucca recorded the low of the month at -9 degrees. Ely recorded the most precipitation with 0.22 inches. Reno, Eureka and Tonopah recorded no precipitation. Elko and Winnemucca recorded very little precipitation. Onion and potato processing was ongoing. Main farm and ranch activities include: equipment maintenance and feeding livestock.

Weather data for stations in Nevada: December 2011

Station	Temperature (°F)				Precipitation (inches)		
	Monthly Avg.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Monthly Total	Departure from Normal	Greatest 24 Hour
Reno	33.6	0.0	63	10	0.00	-0.88	0.00
Elko	25.3	-0.7	59	-1	Trace	-1.20	Trace
Ely	25.6	0.3	57	-8	0.22	-0.37	0.13
Winnemucca	25.2	-4.2	62	-9	0.01	-0.92	0.01
Eureka	25.9	1.2	62	-5	0.00	-0.61	0.00
Tonopah	32.6	0.7	60	10	0.00	-0.31	0.00
Las Vegas	46.2	-1.5	65	28	0.14	-0.36	0.09

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Hay Prices

Nevada: Hay prices for December were up for all hay and alfalfa hay. Prices were down for all other hay. The all hay price, at \$227.00 per ton, is up \$5.00 from November and up \$90.00 from last December. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$230.00 per ton, up \$5.00 from November and up \$91.00 from a year ago. All other hay, at \$160.00 per ton, is down \$15.00 from November and up \$50.00 from a year ago.

United States: On the national level for December, prices were up from November for all hay, alfalfa hay, and all other hay. The all hay price, at \$177.00 per ton, is up \$1.00 from November and up \$66.00 from last December. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$199.00 per ton, and all other hay at \$126.00 per ton. November hay prices for the U.S. were \$176.00 for all hay, \$198.00 for alfalfa hay, and \$122.00 for all other hay.

Potato Production Up 5 Percent

Total United States potato production in 2011 from all seasons is forecast at 426 million cwt, 5 percent above 2010. Harvested area, at 1.07 million acres, is virtually unchanged from the November forecast but up 7 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 397 cwt per acre, down 4 cwt per acre from the previous year.

Production of fall potatoes for 2011 is forecast at 387 million cwt, up 6 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 939,200 acres, is slightly above the November 1 forecast and 7 percent above the 2010 estimate. The average yield forecast, at 412 cwt per acre, is down 4 cwt per acre from last year's yield. Estimates for Nevada were not disclosed to avoid privacy issues for individual producers.

In Idaho, cool soil temperatures this spring delayed emergence of potatoes. Mild summer weather was followed by warmer than normal temperatures this fall, enabling farmers to harvest the 2011 potato crop with few delays. In Idaho, if realized, the yield will be the second highest on record. In Maine, wet conditions prevailed from planting through harvest and resulted in reductions in both acres harvested and yields. In Washington, harvesting conditions were favorable, however yields were variable across the State.